

## Communities trying to cut back on video gambling

**Belleville** City Council voted unanimously to amend the video gaming ordinance to require that establishments derive at least 50 percent of their income from food and beverage in order to get a video gaming license. The aldermen prohibited stores that have a license for the retail sale of alcohol from getting a video gaming license. 8/2015 <http://www.bnd.com/news/local/article31890618.html#storylink=cpy>

**Wheeling** increased fees to \$1,000 per machine. Wheeling's Executive Secretary Martin Seay, in a memo, added **that the increase occurred because “video gaming imposes a greater burden on village services than originally predicted.”** [http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article\\_404e223e-467a-11e5-a28f-7346dd8e0466.html](http://www.journal-topics.com/news/article_404e223e-467a-11e5-a28f-7346dd8e0466.html)

**Brookfield** wants to require a 1-year wait for a gambling license to keep video gambling parlors out. The village has been inundated with requests, 3 to 4 per week, for gambling establishments. Gambling revenues are flattening out and some establishments are seeing declines. (*R-B Landmark, July 21, 2015*)

**Palos Hills** aldermen in a narrow vote rejected gambling cafes targeting women. (Oct 4, 2015, Patch.com)

**Peoria City Council approved a temporary moratorium on video gambling café** approvals, but are now wanting stricter limitations on business such as monthly sales requirements on food and drinks. <http://www.cinewsnow.com/news/local/City-Council-Leans-Toward-Tougher-279232342.html>

**Will County** officials, concerned about the fast growth of video gambling parlors, **pulled the plug, passing an ordinance to prohibit further video gambling in unincorporated areas of the county.** Existing machines in 27 establishments and those businesses that applied for a license prior to April 16, 2015 are exempt. (*Chicago Tribune, Daily Southtown*) Only three more liquor licenses will be allowed in unincorporated Will County, as **the county board voted unanimously to limit its total licenses to 60.** The limit was first proposed as a means to control video gambling machines, which was set at 150. (5/26/15)

**Rantoul** Liquor Commission mandated that no additional liquor licenses be issued in the community other than restaurants with at least 48 seats. (*Rantoul Press, August 22, 2015*)

**Alton** will implement a \$250 per video gaming terminal surcharge among provisions in a proposed, four-section ordinance that establishes city licenses for video gaming terminals. Other parts of the proposed ordinance limit maximum number of terminals in one establishment to five; and say no one may obtain a license if he or she owes money to the city. (The Alton Telegraph, July 6, 2015)

**Galesburg** Aldermen want to limit the number of video gambling parlors by limiting to 5 the number of establishments making 51 percent or more of revenue from gambling. (*The Register Mail, July 19, 2015*)

**Westmont** Village Board is considering restrictions on video gambling when they realized **someone could buy a strip mall, open individual businesses along the strip and put gambling machines at each location. There's a limit of 5 gambling machines per business, but no limit to the number of machines that can be installed in each town.** (*mySuburbanLife.com, 6/8/2015*)

**Morrison** City Council **denied a request** for a pour liquor license **to allow video gambling machines in the town's only grocery store.** Sullivan's Foods operates 12 groceries in Illinois. (*Sauk Valley.com, 5/11/15*)

**Loves Park's** Mayor will introduce a plan to reduce the maximum number of free standing boutiques to the 17 currently in use in place of the current ordinance that allows for 20. “We feel there's a saturation point and we really feel that the saturation point has been met.” (*WIFR, May 13, 2015*)

**Oak Forest Alderman wants to limit video gambling.** Ald. Richard Simon, said he thinks there are too many places in Oak Forest offering video gambling, and that they use the liquor or restaurant licenses the city issues as a cover to offer nothing more than gambling. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/cta-oak-forest-gambling-st-0430-20150429-story.html>

**City of Rockford could change liquor code to gain control over video gaming.** Rockford has nearly 400 video gaming machines, and **elected officials are concerned about the impact on sales tax revenue.** <http://www.wrex.com/story/26836466/2014/10/21/city-of-rockford-could-change-liquor-code-to-gain-control-over-video-gaming>

**Springfield** has the most gambling machines in the State, and many video gambling parlors were requesting new liquor licenses. Aldermen passed an ordinance to restrict future video gambling licenses to locations that get at least 60 percent of their revenue from food and drink sales. <http://wics.com/template/cgi-bin/archived.pl?type=basic&file=/news/top-stories/stories/archive/2014/04/eOVKYhHg.xml>

**Carbondale city council creates new Class B3 liquor license,** allowing for 5 stand-alone video gaming establishments throughout the city. The annual revenue for the license holders must be at least 51 percent from video gaming. The fees for the liquor license begin at \$500 and can be as high as \$2,250. [http://thesouthern.com/news/local/communities/carbondale/council-approves-new-liquor-license/article\\_3dc96f24-de26-5584-afbd-f839ee1476fa.html](http://thesouthern.com/news/local/communities/carbondale/council-approves-new-liquor-license/article_3dc96f24-de26-5584-afbd-f839ee1476fa.html)

**Whiteside County Board drafting ordinance** to require gambling parlors to hit 60% mark with revenue generated from food and beverage receipts. <http://www.saukvalley.com/2015/02/05/sterling-working-on-new-video-gambling-language/aklb7x6/>

**Sterling's** City Council passed an ordinance in February, 2015, to limit the expansion of video gambling. The new law tightened the definition of "primary business" regarding the sale of alcohol, which would keep most gambling parlors out of the town. In September, the mayor said legal concerns made it necessary to grant a liquor license for a video gambling parlor. Attorneys said **the city might get sued if it turned down a liquor license because of gambling concerns.** (*SaukValley.com Sept. 4, 2015*)

**Freeport City Council members are exploring ways to limit video gambling machines.** The only way a local government could cap the number of establishments with video gambling would be by limiting liquor licenses. <http://www.journalstandard.com/article/20141014/News/141019611#ixzz3GFj1nEsG>

**Oak Lawn may be reaching limit on video gambling.** The City Council did not support a liquor license for a fast-food restaurant that wanted to have video gambling machines. The Mayor said, **"I don't like going to my favorite restaurants feeling like I'm in Las Vegas."** <http://southtownstar.suntimes.com/30100544-418>

**Sugar Grove says no to video gambling at gas station.** Some of the owner's other stations have video gambling, with cashiers serving alcohol. Few gambling customers buy alcohol. They market to people who don't want to sit in a bar or people who want to do a little gambling on their lunch break. <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20141008/news/141008453/>

**Elgin says no to video gambling at gas station.** The president of Glogovsky Oil asked for a liquor license to have a video gambling parlor serving sandwiches and on-site beer and wine at the gas station with a convenience store. **"We're getting away from being a gas station."** <http://couriernews.suntimes.com/2014/10/08/elgin-city-council-bar-cineplex-okay-video-gaming-gas-station/>

**Bartlett moves to restrict video gambling.** Fearing that Bartlett could turn into what one official called a "mini Las Vegas," village leaders are crafting stricter standards for video gambling. <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20140108/news/701089796/>

**Jacksonville** aldermen want to triple the liquor license fees for video gambling parlors, after previously limiting the number of parlors to two. [http://www.wics.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid\\_19466.shtml](http://www.wics.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_19466.shtml)